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(e) the cartage that the Forest Department had and have to pay per cubic foot in each of these years for the timber brought to the Saw Mills; and

(f) the rate per cubic foot the rejected logs are sold in public auction?

A.—(a) The information is not available.

(b) There are at present no sale depots except those maintained at Russellkonda and Berhampur in connexion with the Saw Mill.

(c) A statement containing the information is attached.

(d) From 1923 until 30th September 1926, it was 4 annas a cubic foot. Since 30th September 1926 the rates have been—

	RS.	A.	P.	
Logs of under 10′ in length ...	0	4	0	per c. ft.
Do. 10′ and under 16′ in length.	0	5	0	do.
Do. 16′ and over 16′ in length...	0	8	0	do.
Single sized sleepers yielding 2 c. ft.	0	4	6	do.
Extra for squared timber ...	0	0	6	do.

(e)

	RS.	A.	P.	
1923–1924 ...	0	3	3·75	per c. ft.
1924–1925 ...	0	3	11·9	do.
1925–1926 ...	0	2	11·7	do.
1926–1927 ...	0	3	3	do.

(f) A statement[a] is attached.

Labour

Recruitment of labour for plantations from the Jeypore Agency.

* 1463 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received resolutions from the public of Jeypore, protesting against the recruitment of labour from the Jeypore Agency for plantations to Assam, etc., passed at a public meeting held on 12th December 1927 at Jeypore (Vizagapatam district);

(b) the number of persons recruited from the Agency tracts of Vizagapatam and Ganjam agencies separately for each of the years of 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 and 1927;

(c) the number of persons referred to in (b) that have returned to their original homes since 1923;

(d) the wages these coolies get in the plantations;

(e) the sanitary and medical arrangements made for these coolies in those plantations;

(f) whether representations were also made to His Excellency regarding these grievances in private interviews in his recent tour to Jeypore; and

(g) whether Government propose to take any action to stop recruitment?

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a Printed as Appendix XIII on page 358 infra.